

NEW PARROCHAID PLAN UNVEILED

Neighbor Cleared In Slaying

Prosecutor Rules It Was Self Defense

Berrien county prosecutor Ronald Taylor ruled Monday afternoon that the slaying of a 20-year-old Buchanan man early Sunday was self defense.

Taylor said no charge would be lodged against Norman Davidson, 36, of Clear Lake road, Buchanan township, who, according to the sheriff's office, fired the fatal shot.

The victim was Lanny Ray Fisher, 20, of 404 Main street, Buchanan. He was shot outside of the home of his sister, Mrs. Perry Rider, who lives across from Davidson.

According to the sheriff's office, Davidson rushed to the aid of Mrs. Rider after she told him Fisher had broken into her house, assaulted her husband and was threatening to kill them.

Fisher's wife, Janet, 19, with their daughter, Melanie Renee, had moved in with the Riders Friday night.

Taylor said, based on the findings of the investigation so far, Davidson fired at Fisher in self-defense.

NOT COMPLETED

The prosecutor said the investigation had not been fully completed. But he said based on the weight of the findings no other conclusion could be drawn.

Taylor said Davidson had been told the man was threatening to kill; the body of Rider was visible through the doorway; the man said he was going to get a gun; he failed to heed two warning shots; and he came back out holding something that looked like a weapon.

"He (Davidson) had every reason to believe, that Fisher was threatening to shoot him," Taylor said.

Fisher, after being confronted by Davidson outside of the Rider home, had gone back inside to get a gun, sheriff's officers said.

The officers said when he came out Fisher apparently was holding a mop. In the pre-dawn darkness, the mop apparently looked like a weapon to Davidson who had backed away from the door about 25-30 feet, according to the officers. No weapon was found near Fisher's body.

Davidson had fired two warning shots before Fisher went back into the house. He told officers that Fisher had a gun in his hand when he came back out.

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Inter-City Bank closed tomorrow, Feb. 12, in honor of Lincoln's Birthday. Adv.

Gunman Killed; Girl Spared



WHERE IT HAPPENED: Crowd gathers outside Wyatt's Cafeteria in a Mesquite, Tex., shopping center, a suburb of Dallas, Tex., where a young man held Janie Lewis of Forney, Tex., a hostage Monday.

Extra \$1 Fee May Be Dropped

Uninsured Drivers' Fund Rich Enough

LANSING (AP)—This may be the year to bring repeal of the controversial \$1 which motorists who have auto insurance must pay each year because of motorists who have none.

Secretary of State James Hare, whose department administers the motor vehicle accident claims fund, says a study is now being made to see whether the fund can afford to do without the \$1 charged to insured motorists.

"Right now," he said, "it certainly looks like we think we're sound for a three-year period."

MAY COME BACK

That is, even if the charge is removed this year, it might have to be reimposed three years from now. That, he said, would depend on what is shown by further experience with the fund.

Under the 1965 law which established the fund, uninsured drivers pay \$35 into it each time they apply for new license plates. Drivers with insurance pay \$1.

Money in the fund is used to pay damage claims to the victims of uninsured motorists. The uninsured driver responsible for an accident is supposed to repay the fund for damages he causes.

Lawrence Carroll, deputy administrator of the fund, said the three-year-old fund contained \$28.85 million as of Jan. 13, of which \$11.1 million was earmarked for claims then being adjusted.

Carroll said fee payments into the fund in the fiscal year 1967-68 totaled just over \$13 million. Of that total, \$8.97 million came from uninsured drivers, he said, adding insured motorists contributed \$4.07 million.



PRAYING AND WAITING: Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Lewis are shown praying and waiting outside of Wyatt's Cafeteria in Mesquite, Tex., Monday night while their daughter Janie was being held hostage.

Errant Fathers Ordered To Pay

An unemployed Watervliet father drawing compensation for an injury was told Monday to begin paying \$1 weekly when he's back to work toward \$855 arrearage for a child supported by Aid to Dependent Children.

Berrien circuit judges Monday also adjourned hearings on three others fathers whose children are on ADC while recommending they make up arrearages totaling more than \$1,500.

Stanley Warford of Watervliet was ordered by Judge Chester J. Byrns to pay \$10 weekly for the support of a child in Van Buren county and begin \$1 weekly payments on an \$855 arrearage when he returns to work. The child is receiving ADC payments, according to Friend of the Court John Schoenhals.

Aaron Stormer of Benton Harbor, with one child on ADC according to a Friend of the Court staff member, Mrs. Ann Schoenhals, heard Judge Julian

Hughes recommend \$7.50 support payments and \$2.50 weekly on an arrearage of \$707.

Judge Hughes recommended to D.L. Williams that he pay \$10 weekly support for one child on ADC and \$2 weekly on an arrearage of \$1,163.45, according to Mrs. Schoenhals.

Joe Lark of Coloma heard recommendations from Judge Hughes of \$6 weekly for support of one child on ADC and \$4 weekly on a \$666 arrearage.

Judge Hughes set payments on the three as "recommendations" to indicate exact sums should be worked out with the friend of the court's office. Stormer, Williams and Lark are scheduled to reappear in court April 14 to check their progress.

Bizarre Case Ends In Mystery

Teenager Held Captive While Crowd Watches

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — A blonde schoolgirl cheerleader, held under threat of death for 10½ hours, darted to safety Monday night as police gunfire killed her pistol-waving captor.

Janie Lewis, 17, escaped harm as the tense drama ended in a cafeteria where a long-haired parolee had confined her in a booth, rejecting repeated pleas to free the young woman.

Officers identified the slain man as Freddie Robert Mullins, 21, of Dallas. They said he had served a term for armed robbery in Minnesota.

CROWD GATHERS

As many as 500 persons assembled at times to watch what was taking place at the Big Town shopping center in suburban Mesquite, just outside the East Dallas city limit. Heavily armed police kept the crowd at a safe distance.

Mesquite Police Chief L. H. Limmer, 33, said he motioned with his hands for Mrs. Lewis to run behind a retaining wall in the cafeteria when Mullins finally diverted attention from her to unscrew a light bulb in a long-hanging chandelier.

"She was begging for me to tell her what to do," Limmer said.

Three bullets pierced Mullins' chest and he died as he fell.

Limmer estimated a dozen shots were fired, including three from his own pistol as the police chief ducked behind a table only 10 feet from Mullins.

Other officers reported Mullins got off a single shot from his .22-caliber weapon.

Police Sgt. L. C. Tidwell said it was about 11 a.m. when he stopped Mullins and a companion, Richard Lauderdale, to check their driver's licenses.

As the licenses were handed back, Tidwell related, Mullins pulled a gun and both youths jumped from their car and ran. Two warning shots from Tidwell halted Lauderdale but Mullins dashed into the cafeteria nearby.

Janie's mother, Mrs. C. S. Lewis from the neighboring town of Forney, told officers that the tall youth in a black leather jacket grabbed her daughter as they stood in line awaiting food service.

NEVER TOLD WHY

The long vigil followed. Limmer and others talked to Mullins time and again trying to persuade him to release his hostage. Officers said he never gave a motive for holding her or voiced any conditions for freeing her.

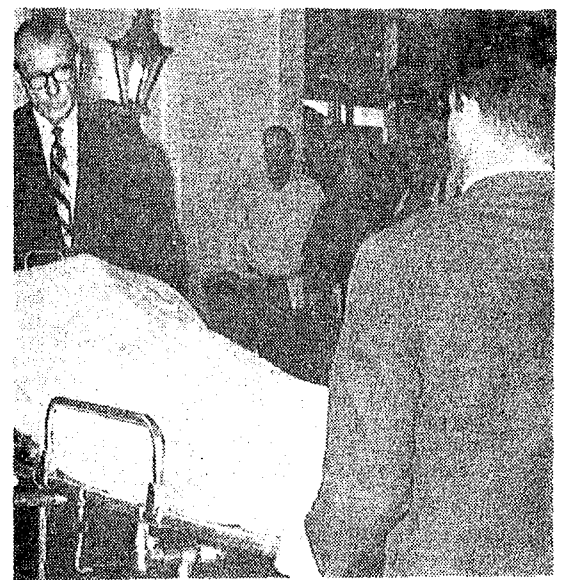
"We felt he wouldn't let her go without hurting her," said the police chief, who said he offered to trade places with Miss Lewis but Mullins would not permit him to do so.

At one point, spectators on one edge of the crowd scattered as a car decorated with paper flowers tried to break through rope barricades.

Its driver, a young girl, told police she knew Mullins and had driven a long way to help him. Her help was refused.



GIRL FREED: Janie Lewis, 16, is escorted by two unidentified men from a cafeteria where she was held as hostage by a young gunman for nearly 11 hours Monday. Moments after the girl was freed police officers shot and killed the gunman. (AP Wirephotos)



GUNMAN DIES: Ambulance attendants bring out the covered body of Ralph Mullins from a cafeteria in a Dallas, Tex. suburb, after police gunned him down Monday night after he held a 16-year-old girl hostage for nearly 11 hours.

Whirlpool Sales Hit Record High

Sales of Whirlpool Corp. rose to a new record high of \$825,820,000 for the year 1968, according to an announcement today.

Estimated net earnings on these sales were \$36,200,000, subject to completion of the year end audit.

Sales in 1968 showed an increase of 6.7 per cent over 1967 sales of \$773,717,000. And the estimated earnings jumped 8.8 per cent above the \$33,272,000 profit shown in 1967. Except for the federal surtax imposed in 1968, the company's profit figure would have been \$39,125,000, the announcement noted.

SEES GOOD YEAR

Whirlpool President John Platts reported that Whirlpool shipped approximately 6.5 million appliances in 1968, and predicted that 1969 should be another good year. He said the major appliance industry is expected to post gains over the records sales of the past year.

Estimated earnings per share of Whirlpool stock were \$3.10 for 1968, compared to \$2.86 for the previous year, based on the average number of shares outstanding during the period.

Platts declared that factory and field inventories of Whirlpool products are at "very satisfactory" levels. With the new factories added in 1966 and 1967 now being fully operational, he said the firm is prepared to participate fully in the next several years of anticipated industry growth.

The \$825,820,000 sales announced today do not include the activities of any subsidiary firms.

Students Would Get Vouchers

State Education Board Member Speaks Out

PONTIAC (AP) — A member of the State Board of Education today included the hotly debated proposal to give state money to nonpublic school pupils in his suggesting for revamping the way Michigan hands out school aid funds.

Dr. Leroy Augenstein suggested the state give each child a voucher, redeemable at any school that meets specified criteria.

The proposal, he said, had been checked for constitutionality by five attorneys and had support from backers of state aid to nonpublic schools as well as legislators.

Augenstein unveiled the proposal in a speech prepared for delivery to the Pontiac PTA Council Founders Day Banquet.

CRUCIAL PROBLEMS

The voucher system, he said, was aimed at facing up to "crucial problems in education. Our present system of funding education is quite inequitable and is not providing adequate operating funds in far too many communities around the state," he said.

"The financial stability of many of our nonpublic schools has deteriorated quite badly in recent years," he said. "We dare not disregard any longer that some of the schools serving that 14 per cent of our students (in nonpublic schools) are also in debt."

Implementation of this proposal, he told an earlier news conference, could help increase competition. It also might subsequently improve the quality of education, which he said leaves something to be desired.

"Our very best students are not getting the background they need," he said, adding "we also have not served our students of lower ability as well as we should."

NO EXTRA COST

The proposal would not cost the state more, he said, because the funds are already being used. It would be only a "realignment" of the money, he said.

Under Augenstein's proposal, vouchers "for sufficient funds to insure an adequate education" would go to each child of school age, and would be redeemable by any school if:

- Teachers hold proper certificates and the curriculum of the school is certified by an appropriate agency to meet the minimum requirements for adequate requirement for adequate educational opportunities.

- The school neither selects nor rejects students or faculty on the basis of creed, color or national or ethnic origin.

- The school does not impose discipline upon the basis of creed.

- Students are not required to attend religious exercises nor are religious symbols used in the school.

- The school accepts all students within their capacity so long as they have a competence greater than "what we normally term 'trainable.'"

Augenstein said he believed the proposal would be introduced separately in the Legislature if the board endorses it. Otherwise, he suggested, it could be added to an already existing bill by a legislator who favored it.

"It is essential that through joint local and state effort each student shall be guaranteed sufficient funds for the adequate education to which he is entitled," Augenstein said.

"Individual families should have the option of educating their youngsters in any of a variety of schools," he said.

But, he added, "much as I believe that all schools must teach about values in a meaningful way, I do not feel that public funds can be used for the indoctrination of specific values."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"While I will see to it that my own children are inculcated with my set of religious values," Augenstein said, "I do not expect nor do I want the state to provide funds nor facilities for this."

Thus, he said, his proposal in-

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Everyone Loves The Fish Shanties

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Like the Civil War battle of Gettysburg, the skirmish over the fishing shanties which broke out here Feb. 4 was never intended to be fought at all, said Mrs. Edwin Buck whose appearance before the council to urge the establishment of a park along the St. Joseph river set off the fireworks.

In a statement last night, Mrs. Buck, president of the Berrien Springs Development and Beautification Commission said, "We are

not out to destroy the fishing shacks at all. We want to preserve our past but we want it to be preserved at its best, not its worst."

"We can only be proud of the symbols of the past such as the recently discovered log cabin and the fishing shanties if we preserve them in the design and authenticity of their finest hour," she said. She pointed out that the log cabin on Kephart road dating from the early 1830's is to be restored to its original state

as far as possible and that the restoration will make it "attractive." "What's to prevent our restoring the fishing shacks to make them attractive also," she asked.

"Those who would keep the fishing shacks as they are need to be concerned about the impression which the estimated 5,000 people who drive through Berrien Springs every 24 hours receive of the community," Mrs. Buck said. She urged all residents of the community to "take a good

hard look" at the town and ask if they can take pride in everything they see.

"Berrien Springs, which is rich in natural beauty, has a fine historical legacy to pass on to future generations," Mrs. Buck said. "But the generations of tomorrow will applaud the past only as they see it at its best. We owe it to our children to preserve the natural beauty and restore the rich past," she said.

Mrs. Buck pointed out that what attracts Americans to Europe is the

"carefully preserved past, not the achievements of the 20th century."

Mrs. Buck said funds are available from sources other than the village treasury for projects such as the establishment of parks and the restoration of historical attractions. She called for a unified effort by all groups in the village to "make the community a source of pride."

"The past does not have to be ugly. We can have our (See back page, sec. 1, col. 4)

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The Annual
Guessing Game

Predicting the future course of business and of the economy holds an irresistible attraction just as does predicting the weather. Despite modern devices for regulating the business climate and the economy, experience has shown that business and the weather are still somewhat alike in one respect. While we can talk about them, there is often little we can do to influence them. That is why forecasting is such a fascinating game.

The early weeks of the new year have seen the usual spate of review and forecasts. Economists generally feel that 1969 will see an easing of the inflationary spiral. They base their case on a slowdown in wholesale price increases and comparisons with past inflationary waves during World War II and the Korean War. A number of the nation's top executives also feel there may be some slowing down, but they are far from unanimous in their outlooks.

Nation's Business reports the results of a survey of 185 top business executives on what may be expected during the next several months. Looking at the entire national economy, 93 of these executives said they believed business will level off but not decline. Another 85 expect the economy will advance. A small minority look for a decline. One hundred and seven said they expected their company profits to increase.

A key question on the Nation's Business survey was: "Will sales or volume of your own business in the first half of 1969 increase over the first half of 1968? Level off? Decline?" There were 142 responses forecasting an increase, while 35 predicted a leveling off

and 4 a decline. The president of one company expressed the sentiment of many by saying, "Business is going to stay good for a long time, simply because a lot of people are making a lot of money."

On the matter of prices, 82 of the businessmen say prices will rise, while 62 believe they will be stable. Thirty-two business executives look for them to vary. Perhaps the widest divergence of opinion appears on what will happen this year to the cost of labor, including fringe benefits. A five per cent increase is expected by 60 business leaders. Forty-four others expect a 6 per cent increase, 17 see a 7 per cent increase, 13 an 8 per cent increase, 2 a 9 per cent increase and 18 see a 10 per cent jump in labor costs. Only one executive thought labor costs would go down, while at the other end of the scale, one thinks they will leap by 20 per cent. Significantly, one businessman observes, "Confidence is being restored by the knowledge that a conservative President is in the White House."

On the less optimistic side is the view of the chairman of the board of a major oil company. He believes, "an increase in Social Security taxes and large tax payments due to inadequate withholding should slow consumer spending; since the savings rate has already declined substantially, consumers will have less of a cushion. Lagged effects of tight monetary policy should inhibit investment spending, and government expenditures should be moderate."

One interesting point about the foregoing survey of businessmen by Nation's Business is lack of mention of the war in Viet Nam. Apparently, the economic impact of a possible end to hostilities has already been discounted in the minds of many businessmen. As of now, going by the word of those who should know, 1969 promises to be a year of moderate growth in an atmosphere less hectic and with an easing of inflationary pressures.

Longest Mountain
Range Under Sea

The undersea Mid Atlantic Ridge is the world's longest mountain range, stretching 10,000 miles, the National Geographic says.

Perils In Progress
By Jerks

Much has been said about the need for technological improvements in the underdeveloped countries. It is obvious that with improved agricultural techniques hunger can be alleviated, and with improved communication and industry economic growth is possible.

Dr. Raul Prebisch, secretary general of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, has a few words of caution about technological help from the more affluent nations. It can, he says, do more damage than good if not properly utilized.

Dr. Prebisch, an Argentine, points to Latin America in particular as a region where "frustrated people" are on the verge of creating violent upheaval against some of the results of technological progress. As an example, he cited the 3.5 percent population growth in some of the poorer countries as a direct result of better health conditions.

Energy Packed

One cubic foot of uranium contains as much energy content as 1.7 million tons of coal, 7.2 million barrels of oil, or 32 billion cubic feet of natural gas, the National Geographic says.

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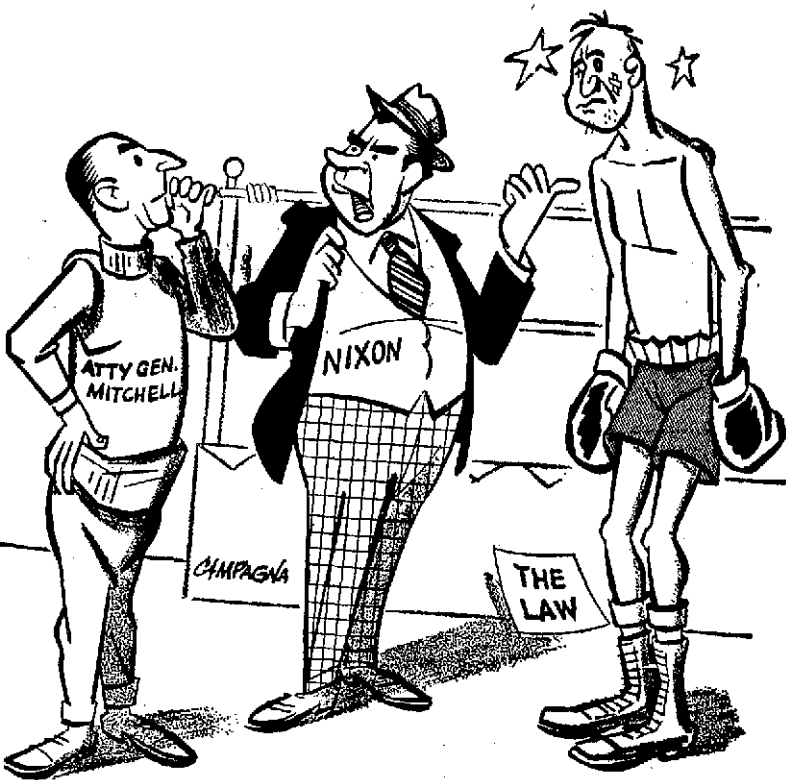
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'BEEF HIM UP, JOHN'



GLANCING BACKWARDS

ORGAN AT TRINITY
TO BE DEDICATED

—1 Year Ago—
Its new 2,150-pipe Casavant organ now completely installed, Trinity Lutheran church in St. Joseph is looking forward to dedication of the \$80,000 instrument and the dedicatory concert.

Workmen from the big organ company near Quebec in Canada are busy now and will be through the part of next week "voicing" or fine tuning the pipes which range from 16 feet to two and three-inch pencil sized units.

WATER PROGRAM
IS OUTLINED

—10 Years Ago—
The New Buffalo school board met this week with the village water and sewer committee to complete plans for water expansion to the school property, west of the village, where the new elementary school will be constructed.

WILLIAM RITT

You're
Telling Me!

To test popular beliefs about jogging, a group of some 100 University of California professors and students recently jogged 100 miles. Just another giant step forward — in the interest of science?

A National Safety Council newsletter warns postman: "A dog... is more apt to bite you when you aren't looking." Not man's best — but sneakiest — friend?

One sailor was hospitalized, another jailed after a brawl when a British warship paid a goodwill visit to St. Nazaire France. Just a friendly fight?

Japan's National Railway reports it now hires 2,577 men whose task it is to shove passengers into Tokyo's overcrowded commuter trains during rush hours. To hold their jobs, they probably have to have plenty of push.

One species of North American jack rabbit, weighing only 10 pounds, has ears nine inches long — nature item Five pounds an ear?

The man at the next desk says a good reason why Thomas A. Edison was such a success is because, according to biographers, one of the things Tom didn't invent was an excuse.

HENRY CATHCART

Inside Washington

WASHINGTON — After some doubts — raised primarily by presidential campaign oratory — Washington officialdom is fairly reconciled to the necessity of continuing the 10 percent surtax for at least another year beyond its present June 30 expiration date. The government needs the money to balance the budget, but even more it needs the tax bite taken out of the spending stream as a check on inflation.

Should the Vietnam fighting cool off sharply and quickly, other needed government spending — for defense and for deferred domestic programs — could not be cranked into the economy fast enough to absorb any sudden surplus, and there would be a strong temptation to terminate the surtax, or cut the rate in half. Even should the event occur, however, it is now believed that the Nixon administration would want to retain the tax because of its

but General MacArthur said in his announcement today, the offensive cost the Japanese the bulk of approximately 14,000 men.

—35 Years Ago—
A quick end is promised to the cold wave that sent temperatures scurrying downward from 12 to 20 degrees below zero for a 16-year-record in this region.

—45 Years Ago—
The Arrow, fishing tug owned by the Habel Brothers, made its first trip into the lake this morning. She encountered considerable ice and returned to port.

—55 Years Ago—
The much talked-of new toboggan at the municipal skating park and winter playground is up and in service for the first time. The ice on the wing dam has frozen to the right thickness and there is plenty of fun as long as the cold weather lasts.

—25 Years Ago—
The Japanese faced a further breakdown of vital southern defenses today while American naval and air squadrons hacked away at the enemy's severed line of island bases in the Central Pacific. Nipponese forces, once dominant in all of the Bismark archipelago, suffered a decisive defeat when Australian and American troops joined hands below Saidor, New Guinea, to complete occupation of the jungle-covered Huon peninsula.

Successful conclusion of the five-months long campaign not only gave the Allies control of an additional 150 miles of New Guinea's northeastern coastline,

RUTH RAMSEY

Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

1. What street do you associate with a famous elopement?
2. What street do you associate with an orange girl?
3. What street do you associate with the "Old Lady"?
4. Give the location of the Bois.
5. Give the location of the Strand.

YOUR FUTURE

Your life will proceed along the even tenor of its happy way. Today's child will be very strong.

IT'S BEEN SAID

The world's great men have not commonly been great scholars, nor its great scholars great men. —Oliver Wendell Holmes.

DID YOU KNOW...

It is believed that many insects, especially bees and ants, can communicate with each other.

BORN TODAY

Mary Qunt was recognized as one of the most influential



designers in today's international fashion revolution. She is the high priestess of the Mod cult and the mother of the miniskirt. Because of her dislike of the styles in dress of women in the 1950s, she chopped inches off her own skirts before arriving on the scene in England's Chelsea district. Her name became the byword of the swinging set and her talent and foresight have maintained her popularity. Clothes and cosmetics of her design, bearing the trademark of a five-petaled daisy, are available in nearly every country and are produced to sell within the price range of the teenager. She was born in the London suburb of Blackheath in 1924, the only daughter of two teachers. Her parents wanted her to become a teacher, but she had designs on a fashion career. When she was 16, she met Alexander Plunket Greene, whose family relations include a number of aristocrats, and they became inseparable. They opened a boutique in the King's Road. From the beginning, their Bazaar was an instant success. In 1962, the J. C. Penney Company introduced her mass-produced designs throughout the United States. For the first time in the history of Penney's, the wife of an ambassador shopped in one of the chain's stores when Lady Ormsby-Gore bought \$150 worth of clothes for her daughter. In 1966, England's fashion queen became the first woman fashion designer to be made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire. Others born today include Thomas A. Edison and Kim Stanley.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?
1. Wimpole Street (the Brownings).
2. Drury Lane (Nell Gwyn).
3. Threadneedle Street (the "Old Lady" is the Bank of England).
4. The park in Paris.
5. Street in London.

DR. COLEMAN

.. And Speaking
Of Your Health

One of my daughters has lovely red hair and green eyes. Since both my husband and I have dark hair and brown eyes, standard quizzical, unfunny comments are made even in the presence of our daughter. I am almost ashamed to take this seriously but I do. Is there any scientific explanation for the unusual coloration of one member of the family?

Mrs. Y. B., Nebraska
Dear Mrs. B.: It is remarkable that so many other wise mature people can cause such unhappiness and psychological distress by such naive statements. The foolish discussion about "look alike" can be most embarrassing to children and may even leave a permanent imprint on their delicate psyche.

It must be impressed on your daughter that she is not a freak but rather that she was perhaps more fortunate to have the coloration of another member of the family. This can be taught her so that she, too, can respond to the ridiculous questions and thereafter reduce the frequency of them.

Later, she can be taught the simple rules of heredity by pointing out the likenesses and the differences between parents and children and how these are transmitted. There are laws of heredity known as Mendelian laws, first described in the nineteenth century by an Austrian monk, Gregor Mendel. These laws show how physical traits are handed down from one generation to another through the genes. In all genes there are dominant and recessive factors. Occasionally, as in the case of your daughter, a recessive coloration of the hair, skin or eyes occurs.

So much for the technical aspects of the problem. You will learn to disregard the

foolishness of those who joke about your daughter's hair and find that soon you will discourage more of them by flatly saying so. It is most important that you protect your child from meaningless comments made by the very people who probably love her most.

Is there any truth to the reports of a possible radiation hazard coming from a color television tube? What are the dangers to children who watch television a great deal?

Mr. N.A.I., Massachusetts
Dear Mr. I.: There have been a number of reports that some television tubes have transmitted small amounts of X-radiation. The United States Public Health Service and local boards of health have investigated this possibility and, as far as I know, have not proclaimed any national hazard. Nevertheless, I do believe that this question should be thoroughly answered by every manufacturer to every consumer, so that there is not the slightest possibility that injurious rays can come from the tube. Consumer bureaus can help in establishing this safety for the viewer.

I am certain that there is probably far less danger from radiation than there is from the unrestrained corruption of the young mind by violence and hostility. A wonderful educational medium that can encourage reading, the arts and gender joys of living is now used seductively for sales rather than for education. Parents are partial culprits by allowing it to continue without pressure on stations.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: Good posture is a gift of early training. These columns are designed to relieve your fears about health through a better understanding of your mind and body. All the hopeful new advances in medicine reported here are known to doctors everywhere.

Your individual medical problems should be handled by your own doctor. He knows you best.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

East dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 9 8 2
♥ A Q 5
♦ A 7 4
♣ J 10

WEST
♠ 4
♥ 7 4 3
♦ 8 2
♣ 9 8 7 6 5 3 2

EAST
♠ A K 5
♥ K 10 2
♦ J 10 9 8
♣ K Q 6

SOUTH
♠ Q J 10 8 7 3
♥ J 6
♦ K 5
♣ A 4

The bidding:
NT 2 ♣ Pass 4 ♣

Opening lead — nine of clubs. Let's say you're declarer at four spades and West leads a club. You win East's queen with the ace and return the queen of spades. East takes the king, cashes the king of clubs and plays the ace and another trump.

You win in your hand and must now find a way of avoiding a heart loser to go down one. There are two obvious ways of trying to accomplish your mission. One is to play for the diamonds to be divided 3-3, in which event your heart loser will go on dummy's fourth diamond.

When you now lead your last trump, discarding the queen of hearts from dummy, East is in terrible trouble. Whatever he discards, you make the rest of the tricks.

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

A long island society lady advertised for a maid and was surprised and pleased to get a prompt telephone response. "Is the salary of fifty dollars a week correct — and does that include washing dirty shirts?" "Right," agreed the society lady. "Wonderful," enthused the voice on the phone. "When can you start?"

A crude outlander strode into the lobby of a Western hotel, and sprawled in an upholstered chair to read his newspaper. After some moments, he aimed a stream of what appeared to be terbacry juice at the nearest cuspidor. An outraged Easterner strode over to him and cried, "How dare you expectorate before my wife?" The Westerner answered placatingly, "Clam yourself, stranger. I didn't know it was her turn!"

"That teen-ager daughter of ours," grumbled Mr. Watson, "is learning bad habits. She was at my wallet before I woke up this morning and took a ten-spot out of it without my permission." "Now, now, George," soothed Mrs. Watson. "How do you know it wasn't I that took the



ten-spot?" "It couldn't possibly have been you," snapped Mr. Watson. "There was some cash left in the wallet."

Factographs

There are 51 municipalities in Alaska, according to the Census Bureau's Census of Governments.

Not all sea water is blue. The Gulf Stream off Japan is so dark it has been named Kuroshio (Black Stream).

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LUDWIG PROTESTS REMODELING ORDER IN SJ



IN REMODELING DISPUTE: These houses at 904, 906 and 912 Market street, in St. Joseph, were at the center of a dispute over remodeling requirements between the city and owner Richard Ludwig.

a St. Joseph real estate dealer. Ludwig said the city has refused to issue him building permits. Spokesmen for the city said they were waiting for detailed remodeling plans. (Staff photo)

Says City Asking Too Much

Real Estate Man Angered Over Re-Inspection

A battle over the required remodeling of three houses owned by a St. Joseph real estate broker surfaced last night before the St. Joseph city commission.

Richard Ludwig, who owns the houses at 904, 906 and 912 Market street, St. Joseph, said he had been denied building permits to repair the structures. He accused the housing inspection department with over-inspecting the properties.

City officials said the permits had not been denied. But inspector Carl Conklin and attorney Arthur G. Preston said they had been withheld until Ludwig submits plans for the total remodeling of the three two-story houses.

Preston said none of the buildings would be demolished by the city while Ludwig was preparing remodeling plans. The buildings had been ordered demolished by Feb. 4 under a January commission decision.

Ludwig said he sought the permits on the basis of inspections made of the houses in October, 1968. Since then, he said the city has inspected the properties again and wasn't through with the final report when the building permit was sought.

SALES FELL THROUGH

The owner said statements by Conklin later to three prospective buyers of the properties had caused the prospective sales to fall through.

"I bought the properties on the basis of the October inspections," stated Ludwig. "Now, the city wants to require more."

Ludwig purchased the properties Jan. 6 minutes before the commission passed 30-day demolition notices on each. Because of the acquisition, the commission agreed Ludwig should be given time to upgrade the buildings to minimum standards, but it declined to lift the specific demolition orders.

Under the orders, an owner is given 30 days from the date of passage by the commission to demolish the structure. If not done, the city manager is required to carry out the demolition and bill the property owner.

Conklin said the follow-up inspections at the three properties covered health, plumbing and electrical areas. The October inspection, he said, covered just structural defects.

According to the inspector, Ludwig had been told that the rehabilitation of the houses would be on a total basis, not piecemeal, when remodeling was first discussed.

NO RECOMMENDATIONS

Conklin said he had made no recommendations to the prospective buyers of the properties. But he said he had reviewed the inspection findings.

Preston said the requirement for remodeling plans came from a provision in the code which holds that if a building is substandard by 50 per cent or more of its market value, the city can require that it be brought up to new house standards.

In other areas pertaining to housing, the commission delayed until Feb. 24 a recommendation by the city planning commission, on Ludwig's property at 1117 Niles avenue and dropped demolition orders on two other houses.

The planning commission (See back page, sec. 1, col. 4)



REPEAT PERFORMANCE: Floyd R. Welch of 5080 St. Joseph avenue, Stevensville, shows 1969 license plates with same number as 1968 plates on his car. To add to the coincidence, which Welch did not request, he bought his plates on the same date, Feb. 7, at Three Oaks license bureau. Only difference, Welch pointed out, is this year's tags are maroon and white while '68 plates are green and yellow. And, as all vehicle owners are learning, the cost went up, from \$12.90 to \$18.70 in Welch's case. Welch, 72, has purchased plates for many years but it is first time he has had same number two years in a row. (Staff photo)

Seek Switch Of Tavern License

Proposed Benton Restaurant Wants Unused BH Permit

The Benton Harbor city commission last night heard a request for the transfer of a tavern license from the city into Benton township for a proposed new restaurant.

The restaurant, to be located on Napier avenue near the Fairplain plaza, reportedly will be a franchise of Lum's, a Florida based chain.

Frances Letke, of Ludwig Real Estate, which is representing unnamed Chicago interests that will hold the franchise, explained to the commission that the restaurant will be built on approximately 7½ acres of land across from Ashley Ford Sales, 1074 East Napier avenue.

She later estimated the cost at \$120,000 to \$125,000, including land.

The license to be transferred is held by Michael Govatos for the Green Orchard restaurant, formerly located at 311 Market street, which was displaced by urban renewal.

The commission was told that a letter had been sent to the township board also asking its approval of the transfer.

The request was sent to the commission liquor control committee for further examination.

CAB FIRM OKAYED

In other business, the commission voted 6-2 to complete approval of a three-car taxi cab company sought by Leroy Lee. Commissioners Ralph Lhotka and Edward Merrill again dissented.

The commission last week gave tentative approval to the request pending an investigation of Lee by City Manager Donald Stewart.

Last week's approval came only after strong opposition by Jack Chaddock, who holds 20 of the 21 cab licenses in the city, and commissioners Merrill and Lhotka.

It is reported that Lee has also sent a letter to St. Joseph Mayor W.H. Ehrenberg asking that his cabs be licensed there also.

The commission unanimously approved a resolution requesting an added federal commitment in the urban renewal project of \$1.4 million.

City Manager Stewart told the commission that the resolution is actually a request for a revised budget, in line with increased expenditures resulting from unanticipated acquisition expense and the inflationary spiral.

He said that the city had hoped to receive the increase from \$5.4 to \$6.8 million in federal funds by changing the project to a Neighborhood Development program (NDP).

BIG BACKLOG
However, Urban Renewal Director Leslie Cripps was told by officials in Chicago that there is a considerable backlog of NDP applications. The city decided it would be quicker to make the revised budget request on the old program.

Mayor Wilbert Smith told the commission that he had received a telegram from Sen. Robert Griffin advising him the city's Hall Park code enforcement application is still under review in Washington and that there "is little hope" of quick action on it because of a considerable backlog.

Mayor Smith told the commission that a meeting will be held Wednesday at the Morton Hill school and Thursday at the Blossom Acres community center to acquaint residents of the Model Cities area with the project.

He said that the meetings will both begin at 7:30 p.m.

Smith also told the commis-

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Junior High Closed For Fan Repair

Benton Harbor junior high school students returned to school today after a one-day holiday Monday. The school was shut down while a fan was repaired in the central section of the school.

The students were released from classes because the faulty fan failed to ventilate heat and temperature was dropping in the classrooms, Edward Trofer, director of buildings and grounds, said.

Benton Harbor Board Okays Action In Attacks On Teachers

New Benton Harbor School Superintendent Mark E. Lewis last night emphasized the policy of his administration on attacks by students against teachers:

"Since I have been here in any case of a teacher being struck, I have taken action. I want to know every situation."

He commented at the board of education meeting as the board expelled a Benton Harbor junior high student for hitting a teacher. The action was taken on recommendation of Dr. Lewis who said he understood the youth, Paul Beene, had been committed to a correctional institution but was still in the community.

Board members also heard a plea from a parent whose son is on his suspension and about to be assigned to Pioneer school for striking a teacher at Fairplain junior high.

Julius McKee, 1259 Columbus

avenue, asked reconsideration for his 14-year-old son, a ninth grader, and called it an injustice to send him to Pioneer school, which opened last week for boys with behavior problems.

CHARGES PROVOCATION

McKee said there was provocation in the incident involving his son and James Altie, a physical education teacher. McKee told the board he didn't condone the action by either his son or the teacher and said it was a matter of self-defense after the boy had been grabbed by the teacher.

Dr. Lewis noted that McKee's son hadn't been in trouble before except for being sent to the school office for pushing a girl.

However, the policy is clear on striking a teacher, the superintendent said. The school discipline code provides several

options ranging up to expulsion by the board.

Dr. Lewis said the student has been recommended for transfer to Pioneer school to give him another chance. His suspension and transfer do not require approval by the board which accepted Dr. Lewis' decision.

TALKS TO STUDENTS

McKee said he talked to students who were in the cafeteria when the incident occurred and asked if Dr. Lewis had interviewed students.

The superintendent replied: "I don't feel that I can professionally check with students of this age." He said he had asked the teacher: "Did this young man strike you?" And the reply was "Yes."

Donald McAlvey, assistant superintendent for instruction, reported on the operation of Pioneer school: Twelve students have been assigned and tests show they have fairly good IQs but generally have been under-achievers. He said there have been some requests from parents to enroll their sons in the school which aims to eventually return students to regular class rooms.

OTHER BOARD ACTION

In other business, the board: • Voted to sell old Martindale school for \$5,110 to Hollis H. Powell, 1081 North Euclid avenue, who was high among seven bidders. Delayed decision on selling Mount Pleasant school on which there were five bids, topped by \$4,600 by Arthur Wohler, Stevensville. A realtor's appraisal valued old Martindale and its acre at \$4,500. Mount Pleasant (1.52 acres)

was appraised at \$7,500.

• Took no action on a request by Mrs. Harold Fox, representing Sodus-Chadwick-Mount Pleasant parents, that proceeds from sale of Mount Pleasant be used for a portable building at Sodus to house area fifth and sixth graders, transferred this year by closing of Chadwick.

• Approved expenditures of \$9,700 in funds from Whirlpool Foundation for "Other Than Skills," a program coordinated by community education in which persons are trained in work attitudes before taking

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City Father Has Praise For Judge

Youths Jailed In SJ Incident

St. Joseph city commissioner C.A. Tobias Jr., last night said Sixth District court Judge Harry Laity should be commended for his sentencing four youths to 30 days in jail, following arraignment Monday.

Tobias said the decisions by the judge meted out "just deserts" to the foursome. They were arrested by St. Joseph police Sunday night on disorderly charges and bargained police with foul language as they were being taken to the police station.

The four were placed in the cell in the police station while being booked. Police said they littered the cell. The youths cleaned the cell at the request of police before they were taken to the Berrien county jail.

"He (Laity) deserves a pat on the back," Tobias told the city commission.

The four were arrested following a high speed chase on Main street and Niles avenue Sunday night. All four pleaded guilty to charges of drunk and disorderly and were sentenced to 30 days in jail and a fine and cost of \$13.25 each.

Driver David Simmons, 18, of 465 South Fair avenue, Benton Harbor, was also fined \$38.25 for reckless driving and \$13.25 for fleeing a police officer.

The other three included brothers Patrick O'Brien, 17, and Thomas O'Brien, 19, both of 404 LaSalle street, St. Joseph, and Scott Gast, 18, of 465 South Fair avenue, Benton Harbor.

St. Joseph PTA Will Meet Tonight

St. Joseph junior high school PTA will meet tonight at the school instead of Wednesday as previously announced.

Time is 7:30 p.m. The program will be presented by the social studies and English departments.

BHHS LIBRARY

Meeting Site Changed For BH School Board

The Benton Harbor board of education voted last night to change its meeting place from the confines of the school administration building to larger quarters at the senior high school library.

Recent meetings in the administration building, 400 Pipestone street, have been attended by audiences which overflowed into other rooms.

The board's regular meeting date is the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Next meeting will be March 10 in the senior high library.

SJ School Board Backs County Vo-Tech Centers

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Gives 'Unqualified Support'

St. Joseph board of education last night gave "unqualified approval" to the two county vocational-technical centers but declined to issue a call for other government units to join in the campaign.

In other action, the board: • Instructed its attorney to draw up a proposal for joint use of the Lakeview-Gard school parkway lot with the First Methodist church and Boy Scout center. The church, which plans a new building near the school, requests parking space on a shared time basis.

• Endorsed extension of the pilot social studies program into the high school.

DOCTORAL STUDY

• Granted Superintendent Richard Ziehm eight weeks leave without pay to study at University of Michigan for a doctoral degree in June and July.

Backing of the county vo-tech

centers was at recommendation of Ziehm. The board stopped short of Ziehm's suggestion that it contact nonpublic schools, city commissions and township boards urging them to support the vo-tech proposal in the June 9 election.

Instead the board gave its unqualified support and will notify neighboring units of its endorsement.

The election will be for establishment of vo-tech centers in the Niles and Twin City areas. It is a county-wide 1.85-mill proposition to build and operate the centers.

Ziehm noted that before the tech schools begin operating, vo-tech programs could be operated in existing schools with available facilities on a county-wide basis similar to the special education programs.

He said after the centers open, manual training shops at individual schools would be

busier than ever preparing students for more advanced vo-tech course.

Trustee Thomas Bartley said the board "cannot afford" not to endorse vo-tech. Trustee Ray Dumke declared, "no question about it, we have to move in that direction."

PARKING LOT

The southeast corner of Lakeview-Gard school property, formerly Christ Lutheran school, would be developed into a parking lot. The school would use it weekdays, the church weekend and the Scout center evenings. The board referred the matter to its attorney, Myron Wolcott, to clear up technicalities.

Doyle Anderson, assistant superintendent for instruction, reported that "the new social studies programs that we are 'innovating and demonstrating' (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)



APPOINTED: Otis Joseph last night was named to the Benton Harbor cemetery board by the city commission on nomination of Mayor Wilbert Smith. (Staff Photo).

Stewart Elected By City Managers

BH Official President Of State Group

Benton Harbor city manager Don Stewart has been named the president of the Michigan chapter of the International Association of City Managers.

The association has approximately 3,000 members throughout the world and the Michigan chapter has nearly 300.

According to Stewart, as president he will preside over the chapter's annual meeting next February and several meetings prior. Stewart was elected at last week's chapter meeting in Ann Arbor.

Stewart also is president of the West Michigan Tourist Association and a member of the



DON STEWART

Michigan Commission On Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

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COLLEGE CHIEFS ANGRY WITH STATE BOARD

Seek Election
On Income TaxAttorney Heading Battle
Against Niles Levy

NILES—City residents today began signing petitions for a referendum to determine the fate of the municipal income tax adopted last month by the city council.

Edwin Donahue, local lawyer and former municipal judge and city attorney, became the first petition signer yesterday. Donahue is leading the drive for a vote on the income tax, the first to be enacted by a city in southwestern Michigan.

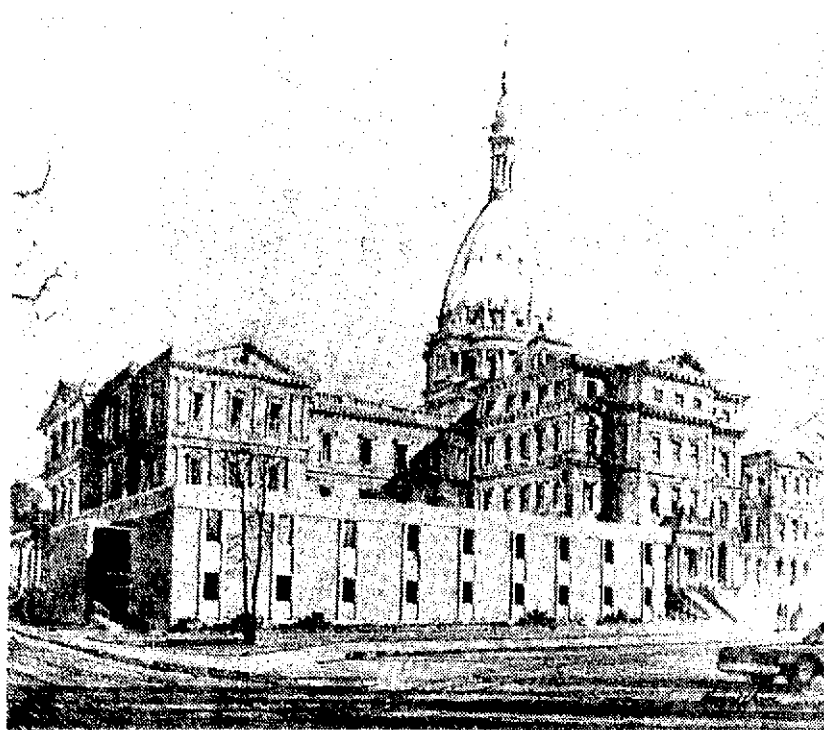
The lawyer said he hopes to have the petitions for a referendum filed by March 4. This would require the council to put the question on the April 7 ballot.

Unless defeated by voters, the income tax would go into effect next July 1. The proposed levy is one percent on the gross income of all city residents and corporations and one half of one percent on the incomes of persons who are employed in Niles but reside out of town.

When the income tax ordinance was adopted by the council Jan. 29, councilmen said it was necessary to raise revenue to operate the city under this year's budget. Niles has reached the 15-mill property tax limit established in the Fourth Class Cities act under which the city operates, councilmen said, and no new sources of revenue are available except the income levy.

DONAHUE URGED
Donahue said he is working for defeat of the income tax and an accompanying cutback in city personnel to cut expenses of operating the city. He said the city health department and the city nurse should be eliminated as an economy move. The city's present level of snow removal should be decreased, he said, and plow and salt crews should "go out only when necessary."

Donahue also called for a decrease in the work force of some city departments. He said he cannot see any need for six additional police patrolmen requested last year by the safety board. The council has not approved the hiring of the six additional policemen.



PROPOSED ADDITION: This is an artist's conception of the proposed \$385,000 steel and stucco addition to Michigan's Capitol building unveiled Monday in Lansing. A resolution providing funds for the structure was introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Ray Kehres, a Democrat from Monroe. (AP Wirephoto)

Plans For Capitol
Addition UnveiledProposed Structure Would
Cost \$385,000

LANSING (AP) — An architect's drawing of a proposed \$385,000 steel and stucco addition to the State Capitol was unveiled Monday by House Speaker William Ryan, D-Detroit.

A resolution to provide funds for the structure was introduced in the House of Representatives Monday night, said Rep. Ray Kehres, D-Monroe.

The proposed structure will provide space for 47 legislators' offices and 10 committee rooms. The addition will be located on the northwest side of the Capitol where trailers were installed two years ago to provide additional office space at a cost of \$40,000, Ryan said.

Ryan added that he expects Senate approval of the addition.

Construction is scheduled to start July 1 if legislative approval is received. The structure will be completed Dec. 1, Ryan said.

The design of the addition resembles many recently constructed school buildings, unlike the style of the decades-old Capitol.

In addition, Ryan said plans are underway to pave the north and south sides of the Capitol lawn to provide additional parking space for Capitol employees.

Criticize
'Grab For
Power'Kimmerly Tells
LMC About Hot
Issue In Michigan

By JERRY KRIEGER
County-Farm Editor

Officials from 17 community colleges in Michigan, including Lake Michigan college, told the State Board of Education in no uncertain terms in Lansing at a recent gathering they don't like the state board's grab for power over the community colleges.

LMC Board Secretary Dean Kimmerly told the LMC trustees last night a statement he presented to the state board of education was not nearly as severe as the feelings voiced by representatives of numerous other community college boards. The shots were fired at a meeting of the Michigan Association of Community College Boards with the state education board in Lansing.

CENTRALIZING CONTROL
"What concerns us now is the pyramiding pressure from the state board to centralize discretionary controls over the day-to-day operations of the local community college," Kimmerly said at one point in his statement.

At another: "Our citizens are proud of our college—they're proud that it's distinctly a local institution with local goals. They are proud of their autonomy; and I can assure you, gentlemen, they intend to guard it jealously. They will not be fractionized, and they will not graciously accept the gnawing erosion of their prerogatives."

Kimmerly distributed copies of his statement to the LMC board last night.

As another part of the fight Michigan community college officials are waging against powers proposed for the state board, it was reported to the trustees last night a joint "position paper" will be released soon. It will represent a joint statement of the Michigan Association of Community College Boards and the Michigan Community College Administrators association, and is expected to be highly critical.

In other activities last night, the LMC trustees heard Mrs. Kay Griggs, LMC language instructor, outline aims and equipment needs of the language laboratories at the new campus.

The board last night authorized a third appraisal in recent years of a 23.6-acre tract of property donated to the institution by the late Benton Harbor Atty. Clarence Butler. Board Chairman Robert Small said it appears the board now may want to sell the property, located between the Main street penetrator and Territorial road adjacent to I-94.

The board also heard Vice President S. Olof Karlstrom recommend that three temporary buildings on the present campus in Benton Harbor be allowed to go back to the leasing company at the end of the current school year. The leases are expiring and LMC can obtain ownership by paying a total of \$33,654. Buildings involved are the Classroom Annex B, the library annex, and the practical nurses program building.

Karlstrom told the board maintenance costs have been high and that these buildings should not be moved to the new campus when that is opened later this year.

The board accepted the resignation of William Stull, director of the distributive education, effectively immediately, and released him from his contract so he could accept a new position with the community college system in the State of Virginia.

Weldon Rumery of Allegan will serve as master of ceremonies. Assisting Clearwater on the banquet committee are Mrs. William Porter and Miss Barbara Morley.

Additional
Course
ApprovedEthnic Groups
Will Be Studied

SOUTH HAVEN — The South Haven board of education last night approved the addition of a course in the history of ethnic groups for next year following a review of a recommendation by a human relations committee.

The course will be offered to 11th and 12th grade students and will be an elective subject. School Supt. F. O. Norlin said he thought the action was a step in the right direction for the school. The course will involve a study of the Negro as well as other ethnic groups within the American culture.

In other action, the board adopted a resolution offering free or reduced price lunches to children from low-income families or underprivileged background through a national lunch program.

The resignations of elementary teachers Mrs. Carol Ober, at Lacota school, and Mrs. Marguerite Paquin, at Central school, were accepted. Mrs. Ober's resignation will be effective Feb. 17, and Mrs. Paquin's on June 13. Mrs. Paquin will retire.

Oran Mitchell was hired as assistant track coach.

Bills totaling \$12,501.17 were approved for payment.

Milliken
To Appear
In Allegan

ALLEGAN — Gov. William G. Milliken will make his first Allegan county appearance as governor when he addresses the annual Lincoln Day banquet Saturday night in the Allegan high school auditorium.

Robert Clearwater, Allegan, general chairman for the event, said the program would also include a musical interlude presented by the Holland Christian high school band which recently marched and played in the presidential inaugural parade in Washington.

The banquet, scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m., will be "pot luck" with those attending bringing the traditional "dish to pass." Tickets are \$2 per person and may be obtained from Republican county and township officers and members of the county committee.

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SKI TRIP

BUCHANAN — Thirty young people of the First Presbyterian Youth Fellowship and their advisors leave Friday on a ski trip. They will go to Caberfae and return home Sunday.

Fire Victim
Is Listed
As 'Critical'Wife Of Cass
Doctor Burned

CASSOPOLIS — A Diamond lake area woman, Mrs. Frank (Barbara) Ray, 46, was listed in critical condition today from burns received in her home here yesterday in a fire believed caused by a defective heating pad.

Mrs. Ray was taken to St. Joseph hospital, South Bend, Ind., where it was reported that she had sustained burns over about 80 per cent of her body.

Cassopolis firemen, called to the two-story Ray home on Park Shore, Diamond lake near Cassopolis about 11:45 a.m., said damage to the structure was confined to a bedroom. The cause of the fire was reported to be a defective heating pad.

Mrs. Ray is the wife of Dr. Frank Ray, an osteopathic physician, who arrived home shortly after the fire had been discovered by a son, Terry Ray, 21, who also was en route home for lunch. Authorities said young Ray removed his mother from the bedroom to a hallway. The Rays also have two daughters, Tammy Ray, in college, and Tanya Ray, a high school student.

Marine
Sleeps Past
Plane StopArrives For Visit
Five Hours Late

BUCHANAN — Marine Pfc. Wayne Fowler found himself in a rather unique situation when he fell asleep on the plane enroute here from Camp LeJeune, N. C., to visit his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward DeSonia and Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Hollingsworth.

When the plane landed at South Bend at 9 p.m., Friday he was still asleep and when he awakened the plane had landed at Lansing. As it was an oversight of the stewardess, who forgot he was to get off at South Bend, he was flown to Chicago where he had only two minutes to board a plane for South Bend. He arrived five hours late for his visit.

Pfc. Fowler, who has just completed an intensive training course at Camp LeJeune to prepare him for combat duty in Vietnam, will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Fowler, in San Jose, Calif., before reporting to San Diego, Calif., for special hill country training. He leaves March 15 for Vietnam.

Two Sentenced
In Michigan
Bank Robberies

GRAND RAPIDS (AP) — Two Michigan men involved in separate bank robberies were sentenced Monday to 12 years each in prison by U.S. District Judge Noel P. Fox. Anthony J. Ballor, 26, Warren, was convicted of robbing \$8,469 from the Woodruff State Bank at Dewitt on Sept. 16, 1968.

Charles E. Smith, 28, whose last address was in the Cheboygan area, was convicted of robbing \$5,173 from the east branch of the American Trust Bank at Lansing, on Jan. 12, 1967.

Merger Of District
Court Units Proposed

Rotary Club Hears Judge



JUDGE HAMMOND

The district court system which displaced the justices of the peace and the circuit court commissioners is not a perfect instrument, but John T. Hammond, District 5's presiding judge, told the Twin City Rotary club two changes could work considerable improvement.

One would be to give the magistrates or sub-judges which need not be lawyers greater authority than they now have.

The second, of local application for Berrien county, would be to consolidate Districts 5 and 6.

This would wipe out the boundary line drawn by No. 6 around the city limits of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor and against the rest of the county which comprises District 5. Hammond, John Iwanuk and Michael Pollard function in District 5. Harry Laity serves the Twin Cities.

Under the plan adopted last year by the legislature, Laity can not take cases arising outside the two cities, nor can Hammond, Iwanuk or Pollard accept cases coming out of either Benton Harbor or St. Joseph.

Hammond's proposal would allow the four district judges to roam at will throughout the county. Basically, this was the ground rule before the JPs were put out of business.

Adopting either or both of his suggestions, said Hammond,

should result in some financial savings and make the entire lower court system more accessible to the public.

HAMMOND BLOCKED

Two weeks ago, the county's three circuit judges, assisted by the prosecutor and the board of supervisors, blocked Hammond's effort to circumvent the geographical division when the former ruled that a judge from District 5 cannot hold forth in the courthouse at St. Joseph.

The ruling applied specifically to a criminal hearing conducted by Pollard at the court house, but the circuit judges drafted

their opinion in wide terms for the purpose of moving Hammond out of an office he established in the county building.

The county building, he has contended right along, is a natural location for the district court because of the jail's nearness, the availability of a county law library, and the large number of cases arising in or near the Twin Cities.

EFFICIENCY FACTOR
It is this efficiency factor, he informed one questioner at the Rotary meeting, which prompted him to set up the county building office in the first place.

Present weaknesses in the district court establishment all through the state, Hammond told his audience, traces substantially to a lapse in the maneuvering leading up to last year's action at Lansing.

The Michigan Bar association, he said, presented a plan but failed to give the legislature any idea of its cost.

In trying to get at the cost factor, he added, the legislature had to yield to all manner of dispute among its members and in the process came up with a last minute compromise simply to get something in action.

Dr. Robert Green introduced the speaker.

The club took James Small, the mayor of Stevensville and owner of the S&S Welding Shop, into membership.

Paw Paw
Police Chief
AppointedBusinessman
W.R. Hamilton
Named To Post

WILLIAM R. HAMILTON

PAW PAW — A new chief of police for the village of Paw Paw was appointed last night by the village council.

William R. Hamilton was named to head the village police department filling the vacancy created in December when former chief Grant Root died unexpectedly.

The appointment was made effective as of Monday. Hamilton will receive an annual salary of \$7,500. The village police department consists of the chief and two full-time patrolmen.

Hamilton, 32, is a graduate of Three Rivers high school. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946. He holds a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Michigan.

FBI TRAINING

The new chief received his training in law enforcement as a special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a position he held for about two years while assigned to the St. Louis, Mo., office of the FBI. During that time, Hamilton received two letters of commendation from FBI director J. Edgar Hoover in connection with federal cases to which he was assigned.

He resigned in 1953 to enter private business establishing an automotive parts store in Paw Paw. During the past few years, he has been a staff reporter for this newspaper, covering Van Buren county news from Paw Paw.

Hamilton is married and the father of two high school age boys. The family resides on River road.

SALARY RAISED

The village council also granted a wage increase to village patrolman William Purdy, bringing his annual salary to \$6,000.

It was announced during the meeting that Purdy will attend a one-day seminar in Chicago on March 1 on "Search and Seizures."

In other police matters, the council ruled that the first parking space in front of the village hall be marked off with a yellow line for police parking only.

The council granted permission to the Paw Paw Jaycees to hold the annual grape festival on Sept. 19 through 21.

In other business, the council signed a one-year service contract with Reed Commercial Electronics Co., Benton Harbor, to service the village fire and police radio equipment for a cost of \$237.50 per year.

The council approved for payment bills totaling \$65,578.15.

Fact-Finder Named

GRAND RAPIDS (AP) — Prof. Charles M. Rehms of Ann Arbor was appointed state fact-finder Monday in the contract dispute between the Grand Rapids Education Association, representing 1,600 teachers, and the Board of Education.

Prof. Rehms is coordinator of the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations at the University of Michigan and Wayne State University.

Councilman
Is Removed
At HartfordMisses Three
City Meetings

HARTFORD — Ray L. Knapp last night was removed from the Hartford council post he had held for nearly 15 years. The reason stated was that he missed three straight council sessions without permission.

Action to declare Knapp's council seat vacant was taken by the council at its regular meeting. Fellow councilmen reported they had no other course of action, under the city charter.

The charter states that no councilman may miss three consecutive meetings, unless he asks before to be excused.

Knapp was reported to be in Arizona. Councilmen said they had not been informed of his departure or plans to miss three meetings. It was reported that Knapp last year missed four straight sessions while away, but had asked to be excused before he left the city.

The council voted to name a successor to fill Knapp's term at its next session. The term runs until next January. Knapp first was elected to the council in 1955. Hartford then was a village. He has been re-elected ever since.

In other business, the council voted tentative approval to the installation of two overhead stop lights in school zones. The cost was set at \$2,000, with final approval hinging on approval from the State Highway Department, since the lights would be on a major road — Main street, at Edwin and at East streets. The lights would be four-way stop lights during school crossing times.

Approved was the purchase of a filing cabinet for the clerk's office for \$220.15.

Fluoride
Program
Is Assured

EAU CLAIRE — Students in the Eau Claire school district are now assured of a topical fluoride program this summer, according to Mrs. Jeanette Schlitt, program director.

Prior to the original deadline only 50 students had signed up for the program and at least 75 had to enroll for the program to be offered, Mrs. Schlitt said.

Following a new deadline of last Friday, 80 students had signed up for the program, Mrs. Schlitt added.

WORKERS WALK OUT

MUSKEGON (AP) — Some 1,600 workers at the Misco Division of Howmet Corp. have walked out of three plants located in Muskegon and neighboring Whitehall.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Bangor Church Will
Hold 'Panszki Bal'

BANGOR — The recreation committee of the Sacred Heart Catholic church will sponsor a "Panszki Bal" Saturday at the American Legion hall, Bangor. The Sam Serdel Polka trio will play for the dancing. It was announced by the committee chairman Mrs. Jerry Hutchins.

Donald Brunswick is general chairman of the project. Angelo Distefano will be the host. Chairmen are Mrs. Bernard Bournay, serving; Miss Denise Distefano, decorating; Steve Schiele, posters and publicity; Mrs. Donald Brunswick, tickets.

Homemade doughnuts and coffee will be served by women in Polish costumes. Tickets may be purchased from members or at the door. Proceeds will go to the Sacred Heart church building fund.



NEW CHAIRMAN: LaFayette Patterson of Covert has assumed the duties of chairman of the Tri-County Community Action Program (Tri-CAP) Commission. The Commission is the agency handling the federal government's anti-poverty programs in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties. Patterson, a real estate broker, was elected chairman at the commission's annual reorganization.